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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION ON CREDIT FOR ECUADOREAN MARINE CORPS

REF: A) STATE 293058 B) STATE 257643

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION
HAS BEEN ORDERED UNDER FMS CASE DA ECUADOR UCY:

1330-G940 GRENADE, HAND, GREEN, SMOKE, W/FUZE	240
1330-G930 GRENADE, HAND, SMOKE, HC AN/M8	240
1330-G955 GRENADE, HAND, SMOKE, VIOLET M18	240
1330-G945 GRENADE, HAND SMOKE, YELLOW M18	240
1330-G950 GRENADE, HAND, SMOKE, RED M18 W/FUZE	240
1375-M030 CHARGE, DEMOLITION BLOCK 1/4 LB, TNT PACKED	960
1375-M031 CHARGE, DEMOLITION BLOCK, 1/2 LB, TNT PACKED	960
1375-M023 CHARGE, DEMOLITION BLOCK, M112, 1 1/4 LB, COMP C-4	960
1375-M670 FUZE, BLASTING, TIME M700	4000
1375-M131 CAP, BLASTING, NON-ELECTRIC, M6	3600
1375-M130 CAP, BLASTING, ELECTRIC, M6	1800
1375-M766 IGNITER, TIME BLASTING, FUZE	3900

2. TOTAL COST OF FMS CASE DA ECUADOR UCY IS \$33,710.75.

THIS ORDER WILL CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE ECUADOREAN MARINE CORPS

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STOCK OF THESE TYPES OF MUNITIONS. WHILE THE ECUADOREAN

MARINE CORPS WAS FOUNDED ON 12 NOV 1966, IT IS ONLY SINCE JANUARY 1975 THAT IT HAS BEEN EXPANDING FROM SOME 200 MEN TO ITS PRESENT SIZE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000 MEN. THE FEW MUNITIONS IT HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FROM OVERAGE ECUADOREAN NAVY STOCKS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTED SINCE THE FEBRUARY 1971 SUSPENSION OF US MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE RESUMPTION OF US MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN JULY 1974 WAS INTERRUPTED IN THE JANUARY-JULY 1975 PERIOD DUE TO SUSPENSION OF FMS SALES TO ECUADOR. AS A RESULT OF THESE ACTIONS AND OCCURRENCES, THE ECUADOREAN MARINE CORPS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROCURE NEEDED MUNITIONS THAT ARE UNDER THE COMMODITY CONTROL OF THE US ARMY. OTHER MUNITIONS BEING PROCURED UNDER THE US NAVY FMS CASE EC-AAD-P4 INCLUDE 1,000 EACH OF 81MM HE M374 CARTRIDGES, FRAG HAND GRENADES M2, 1 LB. DEMOLITION BLOCK CHARGES, 2.5 LB. COMP C-4 DEMOLITION BLOCK CHARGES M5A1, AND PRIMING ADAPTORS M1A4. THESE TWO PURCHASES WILL THEREFORE CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE SUPPLY OF ECUADOREAN MARINE CORPS MUNITIONS OF THESE TYPES AND CERTAINLY QUALIFY AS BASIC WAR RESERVE STOCK, INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND TRAINING STOCKS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE B FOR QUALIFICATION FOR FINANCING UNDER FY 1976 FMS CREDIT.

3. REQUEST PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN THIS REQUEST FOR USE OF FMS CREDIT FOR FINANCING OF CASE DA ECUADOR UCY SINCE IT FULLY QUALIFIES UNDER NORMAL FMS CREDIT POLICY.

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